

EARLY RETIREMENT - H. R. 8427

2. The Director pointed out that our retirement bill, H. R. 8427, after having been cleared unanimously by the House Armed Services Committee and through Rules Committee, was going to be voted on in the House tomorrow afternoon. The Director voiced his hope that the Senate would be able to consider this matter this year.

a. The Director stated this was an improved retirement system for CIA basically patterned after the Foreign Service system. Senator Russell inquired how many people would be covered. [redacted] indicated it was estimated that a maximum [redacted] of the total personnel would be covered and would be those who were actively engaged in the conduct or support of intelligence activities abroad.

b. Senator Russell expressed his view that it should be clear that a future director would not have the ability to extend this retirement to basically headquarters-type personnel. Senator Russell then asked that he be provided with full information on this including the numbers and types of people to be covered indicating that if necessary a hearing could be held in the near future. I promised to give him a full package of material on this.

c. Senator Saltonstall then raised the problem that such a bill on the Senate floor would provide the opportunity for basic changes in the Agency setup and its relationship with the Congress by means of amendments which would establish a separate committee for intelligence matters or establish another method for budgeting. Russell agreed that this is a matter which should have very careful consideration.